

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-9, 11-16 and 18-20, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes an amino acid sequence; a vector, host cell, methods and plant comprising said nucleic acid molecule;

Group II, claim 10, drawn to an isolated polypeptides; and

Group III, claim 17, drawn to a method for detecting a nucleic acid in a sample.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-9, 11-16 and 18-20 together with the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO:35, the protein sequence of SEQ ID NO:36 and the consensus sequence of SEQ ID NO:48.**

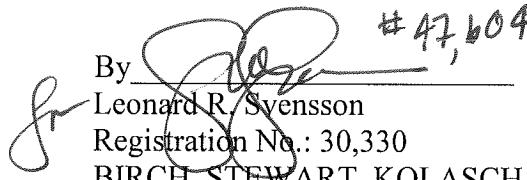
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Susan W. Gorman, Registration No 47,604 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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